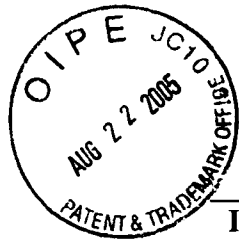


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Filed:	February 22, 2002
For:	Block Copolymer Elastomer Catheter Balloons
Group Art Unit:	3763

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TRANSMITTAL LETTER

1. In regard to the above-identified application, in addition to this 2 page transmittal letter, we are submitting the attached:
4 page Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement; 1 page List of References; 44 References and Postcard.
2. With respect to fees:
 - No additional fee is required.
 - Attached is check(s) in the amount of \$
 - Charge any fee deficiency to our Deposit Account No. 22-0350.
3. **CONDITIONAL PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME**
This conditional petition is being filed along with the papers identified in Item 1 above and provides for the possibility that Applicant has inadvertently overlooked the need for a petition and fee for extension of time or for a petition and fee for any other matter petitionable to the Commissioner as required. If any extension of time for the accompanying response is required or if a petition for any other matter is required, by petitioner, Applicant requests that this be considered a petition therefor.
4. Notwithstanding paragraph 2 above, if any additional fees associated with this communication are required and have not otherwise been paid, including any fee associated with the Conditional Petition for Extension of Time, or any request in the accompanying papers for action which requires a fee as a petition to the Commissioner, please charge the additional fees to Deposit Account No. 22-0350.

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Respectfully submitted,

VIDAS, ARRETT & STEINKRAUS

Date: August 19, 2005

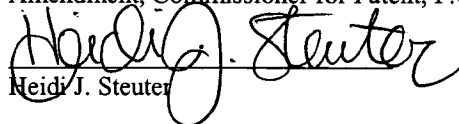
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SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

There has been an Opposition to a related EP patent, EP 0748232 B1. The Opposition was filed by Terumo Kabushiki Kaisha and is still pending.

- (A) An interlocutory decision was issued by the Opposition Division of the European Patent Office dated 28 June 2002 which summarizes the opponent's arguments up to that point. A copy is enclosed.
- (B) The opponent has appealed. The opponent's grounds for appeal dated October 15, 2002 is enclosed.
- (C) The patentees counterstatement to the appeal dated 5 May 2003 is enclosed.
- (D) The Opponents reply to the counterstatement dated November 15, 2004 is enclosed.
- (E) The documents identified in the enclosures as D1-D40 are enclosed.

Applicants respectfully request that the listed information be considered by the Examiner.

This statement is not intended to represent that a search has been made or that the information cited in the statement is prior art, or is or is considered to be, material to patentability as defined in §1.56.

X **I.** This statement qualifies as a no-fee Information Disclosure Statement under 37 C.F.R. §1.97(b) or otherwise because to the knowledge of the undersigned attorney it is being filed (check all that apply):

- ☐ (1) within 3 months of the filing date of the application (other than a CPA); or
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- X (3) before the mailing of a first Office Action on the merits;
- ☐ (4) before the mailing of a first Office Action after the filing of a request for continued examination (RCE) under §1.114;
- ☐ (5) as part of a continued prosecution application (CPA); or
- ☐ (6) during the period of a suspension of action for a CPA under 37 C.F.R. §1.103(b).

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- ☐ (1) a certification as specified in §1.97(e) is provided below; or
- ☐ (2) a fee of \$180.00 as set forth in §1.17(p) is authorized below, enclosed, or included with the payment of other papers filed together with this statement.

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- ☐ (1) a certification as specified in §1.97(e) is completed below; and

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_____ (2) a fee of \$180.00 as set forth in §1.17(p) is authorized below, enclosed, or included with payment of other papers filed together with this statement.

X **IV. Fee Authorization.** If any fee is due for consideration of this Information Disclosure Statement and full payment has not been submitted herewith, regardless of which boxes have been checked above, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees associated with this communication to Deposit Account No. 22-0350. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to credit any overpayment associated with this communication to Deposit Account No. 22-0350.

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_____ I hereby certify, under 37 CFR §1.97(e)(1), that each item of information contained in this Information Disclosure Statement was first cited in a communication from a foreign patent office in a counterpart foreign application not more than three months prior to the date of the filing of this information disclosure statement.

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For the purpose of this certification, Applicant considers the PCT International Search Authority to constitute a foreign patent office.

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If this Information Disclosure Statement has been submitted without the appropriate box checked, Applicant requests that this Information Disclosure Statement be considered nevertheless if it is timely submitted under any of the provisions of 37 C.F.R. §1.97 or otherwise. Finally, if any petition is necessary to ensure consideration of this Information Disclosure Statement, Applicant requests that this be treated as such a petition.

Respectfully submitted,

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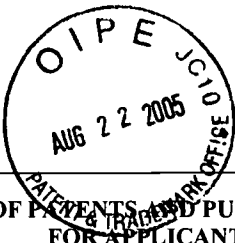
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